

2012

MI-1040ES, Michigan Estimated Income Tax for Individuals

Significant income tax changes take effect for 2012 and these changes may require some taxpayers to begin making estimated payments. Visit www.michigan.gov/treasury to find information on the following changes that may affect you: (1) Changes to exemption allowance, (2) Changes in taxation of pension benefits, (3) Changes to Homestead Property tax credit, (4) Elimination and adjustments to most other credits, and (5) Changes to business income apportionment.

General Instructions

Who Must File Estimated Tax Payments

You must make estimated income tax payments if you expect to owe more than \$500 when you file your 2012 MI-1040 return.

If you owe more than \$500, you may not have to make estimated payments if you expect your 2012 withholding to be at least:

- 90 percent of your total 2012 tax (qualified farmers, fishermen and seafarers use 66 2/3 percent),
- 100 percent of your 2011 taxes, or
- 110 percent of your total 2011 tax if your 2011 adjusted gross income is more than \$150,000 (\$75,000 for married, filing separately).

Total 2011 tax is the amount on your 2011 MI-1040, line 19, less the sum of your tax credits on lines 24 through 27, 28b, 29, and 30.

Estimated tax payments are *not* needed if two-thirds of your gross income is from farming, fishing or seafaring and you meet the qualifications.

Estimate filing requirements apply whether or not you are a Michigan resident.

Do not submit this form for any quarter that you do not have estimated tax due.

Payment Due Dates

You may pay in full with the first estimate voucher due April 17, 2012. You may also pay in equal installments due on or before April 17, 2012, June 15, 2012, September 17, 2012, and January 15, 2013.

Note: You will *not* receive reminder notices; save this set of forms for all of your 2012 payments.

Personalized Forms

If you made estimated payments last year, Treasury will send you personalized vouchers unless you used a tax preparer. To protect your privacy, your personalized vouchers contain only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number(s) (SSN). In addition, SSNs have been removed from the scanline and replaced by a correspondence identification number.

If you are married and plan to file your annual return as “married, filing separately,” DO NOT use preprinted vouchers containing both yours and your spouse’s SSNs or correspondence identification numbers; separate vouchers and payments must be submitted for each filer.

Personalized forms shorten the processing time of your payment and reduce the chance of an error in your account. Do not use personalized forms if information on the form is incorrect and DO NOT USE OTHER TAXPAYERS’ VOUCHERS OR PHOTOCOPY THEIR FORMS. If you do, your payments could be applied to the wrong account. If you lose a form or have not made estimated payments before, visit www.michigan.gov/taxes to obtain a form or call (517) 636-4486 to have tax forms mailed to you.

Where to Mail Your Payment

Make your check payable to “**State of Michigan.**” Print your **Social Security number(s)** and “**2012 MI-1040ES**” on the front of your check. If paying on behalf of another taxpayer, write the taxpayer’s name and Social Security number on the check. To ensure accurate processing of your return, send one check for each return type. Send your check with the MI-1040ES form for that installment. Do *not* staple your check to the form.

Send your voucher and check to:

**Michigan Department of Treasury
P.O. Box 30774
Lansing, MI 48909-8274**

Nonpayment, Late Payment, or Underpayment of Estimates

If you fail to make required estimated payments, pay late or underpay in any quarter, Treasury may charge penalty and interest. Penalty is 25 percent of the tax due (minimum \$25) for failing to file estimated payments or 10 percent (minimum \$10) for failing to pay enough with your estimates or paying late. Interest is 1 percent above the prime rate in Michigan and is computed monthly. The rate is adjusted on July 1 and January 1. For current interest rates, visit our Web site at www.michigan.gov/taxes for a copy of *Revenue Administrative Bulletin 2011-4*.

Income Changes During the Year

If you are already paying estimates, adjust your estimated payment on the next installment.

If you are not already paying estimates, use the following chart to see which period the tax is due.

<u>If the change occurs:</u>	<u>Pay on or before:</u>
Jan. 1 through March 31	April 17, 2012
April 1 through May 31	June 15, 2012
June 1 through Aug. 31	Sept. 17, 2012
Sept. 1 through Dec. 31	Jan. 15, 2013

If you do not want to adjust your fourth installment voucher, you may file your 2012 income tax return before February 1, 2013, instead. If you choose this option, you do not have to file the fourth voucher (due January 15, 2013). If you were not paying estimates but a change occurs between September 1 and December 31 that requires you to file estimates, you may file your 2012 MI-1040 return by February 1, 2013, instead of filing an MI-1040ES.

Estimated Tax Payments for Farmers, Fishermen or Seafarers

If at least two-thirds of your gross income is from farming, fishing or seafaring, you may:

- File your first 2012 voucher on or before January 15, 2013, and pay the entire amount of the estimated tax due, or
- File your 2012 MI-1040 return on or before March 1, 2013, and pay the entire tax with the return.

If you choose the second option, you do not need to pay estimated tax payments.

Fiscal Year Filers

Adjust all dates to correspond with your fiscal year. The first installment payment is due on the 15th day of the fourth month after your fiscal year ends. (Example: If your year ends March 30, your first payment is due July 15.)

Visit Treasury’s Web site at www.michigan.gov/taxes

Worksheet Instructions

You will need your 2011 Michigan and federal income tax returns for reference (even if you have not completed them yet). Note: See significant income tax changes listed on page 1.

Estimate your 2012 income. The Michigan income tax return begins with federal adjusted gross income (AGI) and allows for additions to and subtractions from AGI. Refer to Michigan Schedule 1, *Additions and Subtractions* for allowable additions and subtractions. Enter your estimated income subject to tax on line 1.

To determine your exemption allowance for line 2, see your 2011 *MI-1040*. You may include all exemptions

allowed on your federal return (U.S. Forms *1040* or *1040A*, line 6d), plus any Michigan special exemptions allowed on your Michigan return. Enter the amount of your exemption allowance, not the number of exemptions.

If you review the worksheet and still do not know if you must file estimates or if you are not sure how much to pay, call (517) 636-4486. Assistance is available using TTY through the Michigan Relay Service by calling 1-800-649-3777 or 711.

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Estimated Tax Computation Worksheet
Keep for Your Records

1. Estimated 2012 income subject to tax (see worksheet instructions).....	1. _____
2. Exemption allowance amount (see worksheet instructions).....	2. _____
3. Balance. Subtract line 2 from line 1.....	3. _____
4. Estimated tax. Multiply line 3 by 4.35% (0.0435).....	4. _____
5. All estimated credits	5. _____
6. Tax you expect to be withheld from your earnings or retirement income	6. _____
7. Total deductions. Add lines 5 and 6	7. _____
8. Estimated tax due. Subtract line 7 from line 4.....	8. _____
9. Estimated payment due. Divide the amount on line 8 by 4, or by the number of estimated vouchers to be filed (see instructions). Enter here and on each voucher.....	9. _____

NOTE: Apply your 2011 overpayment to your first voucher. Any unused credit must then be applied to your second voucher and following vouchers until the entire credit is used. Do not send an estimate form unless you are sending payment with it.

Payment Record

	1st Installment	2nd Installment	3rd Installment	4th Installment
Tax Paid				
Date				
Check No.				

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